

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2007. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 2, 10 – 11, 18 – 19, 20, and 25 remain pending. In particular, Applicant cancels claims 4, 7 – 8, 13, 16, and 22 – 23 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action indicates that the application is subject to restriction to one of the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1 – 2, 10 – 11, 18 – 19, 20, and 25, drawn to automatically launching an IM session upon determining a sender of a received email message is present, classified in class 709, subclass 206;
- II. Claims 4, 7 – 8, 13, 16, and 22 – 23, drawn to providing a programming interface to receive user input for actions, classified in class 715, subclass 733 through 759.

In this regard, Applicant elects to prosecute the 1 – 2, 10 – 11, 18 – 19, 20, and 25 claims of Group I without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner feel that further discussion of the application and the Amendment is conducive to prosecution and allowance thereof, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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